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(54) **ESTIMATED REMAINING LAMP LIFE INDICATOR SYSTEM**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A system and method for estimating the remaining life of a light bulb, which includes a device for determining cold filament resistance of the light bulb while the light bulb is in a non-operating mode, a comparison device for comparing the cold filament resistance of the light bulb to a reference near an end of its life filament resistance, and a device for displaying an indication of a life expectancy for the light bulb. The system may be integrated into a vehicle or may be portable.

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